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In re Application of

DIDIER VASSEUR ET AL.

Application No.: 10/656,435

Filed: September 5, 2003

For: Rubber Composition For A Tire Tread

Docket No. 03161.001316

Examiner: Peter D. Mulcahy

Group Art Unit: 1713

Date: December 13, 2006

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	*	MINUS	**	=	x \$25 \$50	
INDEP. CLAIMS	*	MINUS	***	=	x \$100 \$200	
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						

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Respectfully submitted,

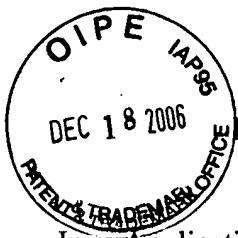

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

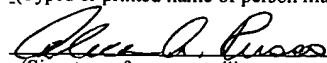
Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows. A Request for Continued Examination was filed on August 9, 2006, along with a Request for Suspension of Action. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 6.

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